improvement, with a cost estimate of Rs. 31 crores. The Public Works Department of the Government of Assam has completed 79.38 Kms. of formation, 78.10 Kms. of pavement and has partially completed 4 bridges. The expenditure incurred by State Government on these works upto now is Rs. 24.15 crores.

The worst stretches of this road were included for improvement under the NEC Plan in 1988. The portions from Devarapar to Simulguri and Sonari to Joypur were not included under the NEC Plan in 1988. The distances from devarapar to Simulguri is approximately 40 Kms. and from Sonari to Joypur is approximately 57 Kms. Hence, works have not been taken up on the stretches which were not covered under the approved road project.

Security at the residences of MPs

†*426. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a plan to post security guards at the residences of Members of Parliament in Delhi during Parliament Session in view of the brutal killing of a woman M.P. in broad day light in a VIP area in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Security is provided on the basis of threat perception.

Safe drinking water to habitations affected by fluoride or brackish Water

*427. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned 12 water projects for providing safe drinking water to habitations affected by fluoride or having brackish water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the projects would be taken up for early completion?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.